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'Hired Assassin' Possibility Probed

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SILVER SPRING (Md.) — (UPI) — A source close to the investigation of the shooting of Gov. George Wallace said one theory being pursued by the FBI was that suspect Arthur Bremer "was a hired killer." However, the source, who refused use of his name, emphasized that this was only one of several theories being investigated.

Refused to Talk

He said the theory began evolving after Bremer refused to talk without advice of an attorney immediately after his arrest, and then asked at his arraignment for an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer rather than court-appointed counsel.

The source said the possibility that he was hired to shoot Wallace was strengthened by the discovery in Bremer's Milwaukee apartment of notes "indicating he was studying the problem of maintaining his sanity during a long period of confinement." There also was a book in the apartment on "one hundred games one can play by himself," the source said.

Further Fact

There was the further fact that Bremer "went out of his way in recent weeks to identify himself with the Wallace campaign" and thereby possibly set up an assassination attempt, the source said.

A Justice Department source, asked about the matter, said only that the FBI obviously was investigating every possibility.

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